

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Summary of Invention section from page 3, line 22 through page 4, line 3 with the following amended paragraphs:

It is an object of the invention to solve the above problems and to provide a ~~page number notifying method wherein an original sheet on which image information of both-side and that of one-side exist mixedly can be efficiently and certainly transmitted without causing an erroneous operation and page numbers can be properly notified in the case where an original sheet on which image information of both-side and that of one-side exist mixedly is transmitted.~~ facsimile apparatus for reading images of original sheets in which both-side and one-side original sheets exist mixedly and transmitting them to a receiver station, including reading means for reading the images on both sides of the original sheet, means for discriminating whether the images on both sides read by the reading means have effective image information or not, and control means adapted for selectively determining use of a both-side transmitting procedure if both sides of the original sheet have effective image information or use of a one-side transmitting procedure if both sides of the original sheet do not have effective image information, for each transmission of one original sheet, in accordance with a result of the discrimination of the discriminating means, and for transmitting to the receiver station both-side transmission control information including a page number and information regarding front or reverse side of the original sheet, for each side of the original sheet, when the both-side transmitting procedure is used, and omitting the transmission of the both-side transmission control information when the one-side transmitting procedure is used.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a facsimile apparatus for

reading images of original sheets in which both-side and one-side original sheets exist mixedly and transmitting them to a receiver station, including reading means for reading the images on both sides of the original sheet, means for discriminating whether the images on both sides read by the reading means have effective image information or not; and control means adapted for selectively determining use of a both-side transmitting procedure if both sides of the original sheet have effective image information or use of a one-side transmitting procedure if both sides of the original sheet do not have effective image information, for each transmission of one original sheet, in accordance with a result of the discrimination of the discriminating means, and for transmitting to the receiver station a value to be allocated to the front side when it is assumed that the one-side original sheet is the both-side original sheet, as a page number of the one-side original sheet, in case the one-side transmitting procedure is used.

It is yet another objection of the invention to provide a control method of a facsimile apparatus for reading images of original sheets in which both-side and one-side original sheets exist mixedly and transmitting them to a receiver station, including a reading step of reading the images on both sides of the original sheet, a step of discriminating whether the images on both sides read by the reading step have effective image information or not, and a control step adapted for selectively determining use of a both-side transmitting procedure if both sides of the original sheet have effective image information or use of a one-side transmitting procedure if both sides of the original sheet do not have effective image information, for each transmission of one original sheet, in accordance with a result of the discrimination in the discriminating step, and for transmitting to the receiver station both-side transmission control information including a page number and information regarding front or reverse side of the original sheet, for each

side of the original sheet, when the both-side transmitting procedure is used, and omitting the transmission of the both-side transmission control information when the one-side transmitting procedure is used.

It is still another object of the invention to provide a control method of a facsimile apparatus for reading images of original sheets in which both-side and one-side original sheets exist mixedly and transmitting them to a receiver station, including a reading step of reading the images on both sides of the original sheet, a step of discriminating whether the images on both sides read by the reading step have effective image information or not, and a control step adapted for selectively determining use of a both-side transmitting procedure if both sides of the original sheet have effective image information or use of a one-side transmitting procedure if both sides of the original sheet do not have effective image information, for each transmission of one original sheet, in accordance with a result of the discrimination in the discriminating step, and for transmitting to the receiver station a value to be allocated to the front side when it is assumed that the one-side original sheet is the both-side original sheet, as a page number of the one-side original sheet, in case the one-side transmitting procedure is used.

It is another object of the invention to provide a storage medium readable by a computer, storing a control program of a facsimile apparatus for reading images of original sheets in which both-side and one-side original sheets exist mixedly and transmitting them to a receiver station, the control program including a reading step of reading the images on both sides of the original sheet, a step of discriminating whether the images on both sides read by the reading step have effective image information or not, and a control step adapted for selectively determining use of a both-side transmitting procedure

if both sides of the original sheet have effective image information or use of a one-side transmitting procedure if both sides of the original sheet do not have effective image information, for each transmission of one original sheet, in accordance with a result of the discrimination in the discriminating step, and for transmitting to the receiver station both-side transmission control information including a page number and information regarding front or reverse side of the original sheet, for each side of the original sheet, when the both-side transmitting procedure is used, and omitting the transmission of the both-side transmission control information when the one-side transmitting procedure is used.

It is a further object of the invention to provide a storage medium readable by a computer, storing a control program of a facsimile apparatus for reading images of original sheets in which both-side and one-side original sheets exist mixedly and transmitting them to a receiver station, the control program including a reading step of reading the images on both sides of the original sheet, a step of discriminating whether the images on both sides read by the reading step have effective image information or not, and a control step adapted for selectively determining use of a both-side transmitting procedure if both sides of the original sheet have effective image information or use of a one-side transmitting procedure if both sides of the original sheet do not have effective image information, for each transmission of one original sheet, in accordance with a result of the discrimination in the discriminating step, and for transmitting to the receiver station a value to be allocated to the front side when it is assumed that the one-side original sheet is the both-side original sheet, as a page number of the one-side original sheet, in case the one-side transmitting procedure is used. --

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 8, line 24 with the

following amended paragraph:

-- Reference numeral 18 denotes a memory constructed by [[an]] a RAM or the like. The memory circuit 18 comprises an arbitrary memory device such as ROM, RAM, hard disk, or the like and is used to store various data. That is, the memory circuit 18 is used as a work memory (RAM) or used to further store raw information of read data, stored encoded information, store received information, or store decoded information or the like through the bus 26.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 19 with the following amended paragraph:

-- Reference numeral 22 denotes a CPU (central processing unit) for controlling the whole apparatus and executing a facsimile transmission control procedure. A control program for such a procedure has been stored in [[an]] a ROM 24.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 11 with the following amended paragraph:

--Among them, the Page number (page number) is added one page by one ~~from P1~~ in accordance with the rules when the both-side original sheet is transmitted in page order (the front side and the reverse side , alternately). The Page information (page information) has a data width of one octet and indicates whether the image information on the side is that on the front side or the reverse side. The front side (0) or the reverse side (1) is expressed by bit 0. Bits 1 to 6 are reservation bits and their functions are not defined. Bit 7 is always set to 0 as an extension bit.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 32, lines 13-16 with the

following amended paragraph:

-- In step S55, a mid-procedure is executed and ~~"0" indicative of a table is transmitted as~~ Page number (PN = 3 in case of the front side of the second original sheet in Fig. 16) and "0" indicative of a front side as Page information, are transmitted.

Subsequently, in step S57, "2" is added to the page number and the page number is updated (it is additionally increased by an amount corresponding to the reverse side). Step S58 follows.--

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Original sheets in which both-side image information and one-side image information exist mixedly can be ~~efficiently and certainly~~ transmitted without an erroneous operation. A CPU discriminates the presence or absence of effective image information in images on both sides of the original sheets read by a reading circuit. In a both-side transmitting mode, the CPU selectively determines whether a both-side transmitting procedure is used or a one-side transmitting procedure is used, for transmission of the image information for each transmission of one original sheet, in accordance with a result of the discrimination. In the both-side transmitting procedure, control information ~~such as page number, information regarding the front or reverse side of the original sheet, and the like~~ is transmitted to a receiver station, for each side of the original sheet. In the one-side transmitting procedure, the control information is not transmitted or a proper transmitting system is used ~~(the page number to be allocated to the front side assuming that the original sheet is the both-side original sheet is used, or the like)~~. When the number of one-side original sheets is small, all of the original sheets are transmitted by using the both-side transmitting procedure.